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## The Beet in a New Role.

In the effort to inject some common sense into the laws and treaties governing our relations with the Chinese, the Administration is discovering how complicated is the question. It has been intimated to this Government that the Chinese would be willing to compromise the whole matter on the basis of getting free admission to the Philippines and Hawaii, and permitting the rest of this country to do as it pleases. This arrangement ought to be workable. But the beet sugar interests of the West—that is, the sugar trust behind a beet sugar mask—would object to allowing the sugar of the Philippines to come into this country to compete with the beet product. There would be much noise about this deadly blow to a home industry, an interesting infant about to be throttled by the necessity of competing with an unlimited supply of cooile labor thus freely admitted to the islands.

The beet sugar industry of this country has been worked about to a finish for political purposes. It has been used to keep the sugar schedules where they are, for the protection of the most rapacious of trusts; it has been used to fight off decent treatment for Cuba; now it is to be used to prevent a sensible solution of the Chinese question. The beet industry has for fifteen years been turning out politics first, and sugar as a by-product. It is controlled by the trust, which aims to let it develop no faster than it can be kept within control.

Instead of promising emancipation from trust domination, it has come to be the most useful weapon the trust possesses for maintaining its position. It is the most alluring and deceptive industrial mirage that ever illumined a desert horizon. It has played more star parts on the political stage than any other infant prodigy ever dreamed of undertaking, and yet it hasn't a real friend in the audience. They built sugar factories in Nebraska, the trust bought them up, and the people refused to raise beets for them, on the best beet land in the world, because the trust would not pay enough to make it worth while. The Nebraska factories closed and are moving away. They are going to Colorado and Utah, where the cheapest classes of foreign labor can be used in producing the beets. And at the same time that it is thus introducing the cheapest labor into this country, the trust protests against competing with Chinese in the Philippines! There ought to be some way of ridding the political nursery of the importunities and demands of this extremely troublesome infant.

## Yesterday in the House.

Representatives of the Democratic party in the House yesterday justified their faith in free speech as they seem to understand it. Leader and rebels wasted the time of Congress, hung up recriminations and insinuations for the whole country to see, made capital for their opponents, and exposed themselves and their party to the just ridicule of everybody. Mr. Williams, as the one baited, was manifestly reluctant to join in the mouthing, and did so only when the accusations of his party associates passed the limit of a proud man's endurance. But whether he was justified or unjustified, the net result of the debate is that the party whose fortunes are intrusted to him in this one branch of Congress has lost dignity.

The mistake lay, not in the making of these charges, or in the answering of them when once they were made, but in choosing the House of Representatives as the scene for the discussion. For that error, Mr. Lamar is chiefly to blame. He knew the way to call a caucus and he could easily have found enough fellow Democrats anxious to have the matter cleared up to endorse his call. Mr. Williams, in his turn, might have kept the issue where it belonged—within party councils—by insisting that Mr. Lamar follow this course. But that was not done—and the party suffers accordingly.

In this connection it is well to note that the Republican side of the chamber has been generally free from fighting in the ranks. That may be due largely to accident. It is certainly due in specific instances to the fine judgment and self-control of Mr. Reed, when minority leader. Whatever the cause, the Republican party has been the gainer and the Democratic party the loser.

It does not do to take this rumormongering too seriously. Mr. Williams will continue to be his party's

captain on the floor and will yield it, no doubt, valuable service. The two gentlemen who accused him so bitterly would very likely admit as much today; and they, in their turn, will, with equal probability, render their constituents and their party no inconsiderable profit. But what Mr. Williams said of Mr. Lamar is true of this whole incident. It has done neither of his accusers any good, Mr. Williams any good, the party any good, or the nation any good—and it has not added a whit to the prestige of any who participated in it.

## Rivals in Benevolence.

Not very often is it permitted an awe-stricken public, overcome though it normally be by the abounding philanthropy that abides in Wall Street, to gaze upon such superlative piety as that of Mr. Thomas Fortune Ryan and Mr. Edward H. Harriman. There is a spectacle fit to transport mortals and cause the very gods on Olympus to stir uneasily upon their marble thrones. It's a wonder—that's what it is.

True enough these magnates of high finance and benevolence are each a bit jealous of the other's claims to fame. In the little matter of the Equitable Mr. Ryan wanted to be sole dispenser of the charities he had in mind when he acquired that property—in somewhat the same informal manner the rest of us employ in the purchase of a half pound of butter. Mr. Harriman, on the other hand, saw his recognized pre-eminence as a philanthropist cast into shadow by this new effulgence, and wanted to shine also. He rather fancied himself and Mr. Ryan in the roles of twin stars in the Equitable galaxy.

It must be confessed that up to date Mr. Ryan is the one of the duo who has added substantially to his reputation as an altruist. Mr. Harriman is out in the cold, and, if it be permitted to change a metaphor and descend to the language of the pave in the same breath, Mr. Ryan is the whole cheese.

So, for a time, the matter rests. It does seem a pity there are not insurance companies enough to go around, so that these unhappy jealousies among the country's benefactors could be avoided. It is natural, perhaps, that Mr. Harriman should resent Mr. Ryan's opportunities to do more good—and more people—than he can do himself. Mr. Harriman should have our sympathy, the more certainly and especially as Mr. Ryan seems to have acquired everything else.

## The Much-Abused Frank.

Of all the mail transported last year by the postal service, one-eighth part, in weight, was carried under frank. It was of every class recognized by the postal regulations and of many varieties which the framers of the regulations never considered in their account. Postmaster General Cortelyou says, in his annual report, that it cost the Government \$20,000,000 to extend these free pass courtesies.

If there is any privilege of office in this nation which is abused, it is that which permits the postal frank to various individuals and institutions. The connection with the actual business of the Government may be intimate and at the same time the use to which they put their franks most distant remote. The old story of the Representative in Congress who dispatched a set of bedroom furniture and an iron safe under frank, from Washington to his domicile, is still remembered here. There are others that might be told.

While the flame of economy burns bright within the sanctuary, why not take a shot at the abuse of the postal frank? There are campaign committees who make it a quadrennial hissing and reproach. There are Congressmen who make it a daily absurdity. To our thinking, it offers an opportunity for economy almost spectacular.

Postmaster General Cortelyou, through the teachings of his personal experience, should be able to tell an inquiring legislature some of the ways in which the privilege is abused.

Bernhardt in a tent ought to create excitement even in Texas.

Mr. Williams did not leave much doubt that he is the leader of the minority.

Walking out continues to be the form of exercise most favored by insurance company officers.

Mr. Shaw wants an elastic currency. We have noticed our own finances are lacking in that quality.

The Salvation Army intends to carry ten thousand domestic servants to Canada. What's the matter with Washington?

Andrew Hamilton is still keeping mum. This shows him entitled to the appellation of Handy Andy.

Only the Republicans of the House are in a position to appreciate to the full the humor of the Democratic squabble.

Considering the howl that is always in progress over the Panama Canal Commission, it might be well to employ several other \$10,000 press agents.

Even the Senate is said to consider eleven millions quite enough for the present purposes of the Panama Canal.

Now that Richard Croker is to sell his New York home, it will be possible for politicians in that town to refer to him as "the late Boss" without fear of an earthquake.

# IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

## NOTABLE DINNER TUESDAY EVENING

Speaker Cannon Will Entertain Illinois Delegation.

## FUNCTIONS LAST EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Curtis Hosts at an Elaborate Affair.

The Speaker of the House and Miss Cannon will give a dinner January 6 in compliment to the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks. Their dinner to the Illinois delegation in Congress will be given next Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Curtis were hosts at a dinner last night, when their guests were the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, Senator and Mrs. Burroughs, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, General and Mrs. Bates, ex-Senator and Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mr. O'Connell.

Dr. and Mrs. Sowers were among the numerous dinner hosts last night.

Miss Ada McAdoo, of New York, who is now the guest of Miss Rebecca Collier, the daughter of Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmadge, was the guest of honor at a dinner party there last night, given for young people, and later a theater party at the Belasco, followed by a supper at Mrs. Talmadge's residence. She will again be the guest of honor at a theater party tonight.

Mrs. William E. Curtis will leave Washington today and join her daughter, Miss Curtis, in St. Louis, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

The marriage of Miss Hildegard McKenna, daughter of Associate Justice and Mrs. McKenna, to John Leggett Pulte, of New York, will take place in February, the exact date not yet being known.

Representative Lemuel P. Padgett of Tennessee, Representative David E. Finley and Joseph T. Johnson of Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin B. Linton, Miss Mabel Linton, Miss McLachlan, and George Sullivan, were the guests at dinner Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Altheus Johnson, at their home, 48 J street northwest.

The British Ambassador and Lady Darnley sent out invitations yesterday for a costume ball, representing "Alice in Wonderland," to be held at the embassy December 21, in honor of the ambassador's niece, Miss Everild Durand, who will spend the winter in Washington.

At her at-home yesterday afternoon Mrs. Fairbanks was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Overman, wife of the Senator from North Carolina, Mrs. N. Scott, of Virginia, Mrs. Butler, of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Edmund Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott and her daughter, Mrs. Brownell; Miss Helen Black, Miss Walker Martinez, Mrs. Walter Harvey Weed, and Miss Claude Albright.

Miss Albright, the daughter of former Governor Albright, of New Mexico, and now a member of the Savage Opera Company, during the afternoon Miss Albright sang two songs most delightfully, one a selection from "Carmen," the other an English love song.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root entertained Andrew Carnegie at luncheon yesterday.

Of great social interest this afternoon will be the lecture given this afternoon by Burr McIntosh at the National Theater, as the lecture is on "Secretary of State's Trip to the Orient," and those who made the tour will be present. Mrs. Taft will occupy a box with the Secretary, Mr. Taft, Miss Roosevelt, Miss McMillan, Miss Boardman, and others.

Mrs. Platt, wife of Senator Platt, of New York, and Miss Snow, have gone to New York to prepare for the latter's wedding, which is to take place in that city on the 19th of this month.

Mrs. David Stewart Hendrick has just issued cards announcing the date of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Martha Moore Hendrick, to Edgar Davis Edmonds. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, December 27, at 2:30 o'clock in the evening at the Church of the Covenant.

The monthly meeting of the Dolly Madison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held last evening in the home of the vice regent, Mrs. Charles B. Bailey, 124 Staughton street.

Mrs. Robert Boyd will receive with Mrs. Clement D. Hebb and Miss Hebb tomorrow for the last time this season, as Mrs. Boyd leaves for San Juan, Porto Rico, early in January.

Miss Fanny Barbin, formerly of this city, now New York, has arrived in Washington as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Jones, at 2103 P street northwest, for a short stay previous to sailing on the 17th inst. for Peru, where her marriage to William Henry Donnelly will take place. A ceremony will be performed in the little Episcopal Church at Tolero, where Mr. Donnelly has been stationed for the past year.

Arrangements are being made for teaching Esperanto to policemen at Cambridge.

Modern, up-to-date policemen Who would keep the crowd in awe Master typewriting, ju-jitsu, Etiquette and motor law. But a constable at Cambridge Who is on promotion track Must "read" Esperanto for the Full degree of Q. 15.

"Passa longa, gentlemen!" Is the burden of his song; "It is getting very late, Passa longa, passa longa."

Coming home quite late from what is known at Cambridge as a wine (That's a ceremony sacred To the worship of the vine), When the speech is incoherent And the buildings seem to sway, In a fog we seem to hear the Constable politely say:

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MRS. LEE S. OVERMAN,  
Wife of Senator Overman of North Carolina, Will Spend the Winter at the  
Cochran, But Will Not Be at Home Until After the First  
Thursday in January.

## STERNBURGS RETURN FROM NEW YORK TRIP

Come Back From Stay of Two Days and Swiss Minister Goes to Metropolis to Attend Meeting for His Infirm Countrymen.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg, who have spent the past two days in New York, returned to the embassy last night.

Dr. Leo Vogel, the Swiss minister, will leave the Capital for New York tomorrow, and will attend the celebration at the Swiss home for the poor, indigent and infirm Swiss people in New York. Dr. Vogel stopped in New York on the way to Washington some time ago on account of ill health, but has now entirely recovered.

Capt. and Mrs. Henry G. Cole have taken apartments at the Portland for the season.

Mrs. John H. Magruder will present her daughter, Miss Magruder, to society at a tea this afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock at the family residence, 1943 S street.

Mrs. Clement, who spent last winter at the Portland, will leave the Willard, where she has been staying this fall, and will go to her apartments at the Connecticut.

Representatives George Petton Lawrence, of Massachusetts, and Robert G. Tomlin, of Iowa, have each taken apartments at the Connecticut.

A sale of autographed books of noted authors is to be held at 150 Massachusetts avenue, the former residence of Vice President Fairbanks, tomorrow afternoon, December 15, and the afternoon and evening of December 16, for the benefit of the Bryn Mawr Alumnae endowment fund.

About 100 authors and illustrators have contributed autographs, quotations, sketches, and original rhymes, among others, President Roosevelt, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain, Anthony Hope, Hamilton MacBride, Howard Pyle, and Maxfield Parrish.

A few of the most valuable books will be auctioned the first afternoon. Tea will be served from 4 to 5.

The honorary committee includes the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court, and Mrs. Brown; Admiral Dewey, General Canby, Brig. Gen. A. W. Greathouse, Surgeon General Van Rensselaer, retired; Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, Mrs. E. H. Riddiman, Mrs. Reginald De Koven, Mrs. Samuel F. Emmons, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Miss Kibbey, Francis E. Leupp, Miss Grace Denio, Mrs. L. H. Somers, Frederick C. Stevens, Mrs. Enoch Totten, Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, and the committee: Miss Edith Totten, chairman; Miss Constance Davis Leupp, secretary; Miss Helen Lee Stevens, treasurer; Miss Adola Greely, and Miss Margaret MacVeagh.

Viscount Charles de Chambrun, of the French embassy, will sail today from New York on the Savoie, of the French line, to Havre.

The Chinese minister will entertain at dinner tonight for Lady Hart, wife of Sir Robert Hart, and Miss Hart, who are now at the Arlington.

At St. Anthony's Church in Brooklyn the marriage of Miss Adelaide Johnson, of Brooklyn, D. C., and Joseph A. Henry will take place this evening.

## FARMER IS FINED FOR WORKING SUNDAY

Connecticut Blue Laws Cost Lafayette Maine Just \$11 and Costs.

LEDYARD, Conn., Dec. 14.—Lafayette F. Maine, a farmer, was arrested and fined \$11 and costs yesterday, under an old blue law, for working on Sunday. He appeared, and bond was furnished by his father, A. M. Maine, of North Stonington.

Maine belongs to a family famous for "lawing." Ira D. Maine, a cousin, stayed from church recently and saw Cousin Lafayette draw corn fodder with his oxen. Hence the arrest.

The case was tried before Equire John F. Coughlin in the old Spicer store, on one side of the church green. Neighbors of Maine from miles around came to the trial, hitching their horses under the meeting house sheds and on the common. Maine's defense was that the work was necessary.

Representative Gardner, of Michigan, has introduced the bill which has been before Congress for several years providing for the printing of the one, two and five dollar bills of the Government in such manner that they can be converted by the filling in of blank lines on their face into "post checks" for the mails. The bill was favorably reported from the Postoffice Committee of the House in the Fifty-seventh Congress, and was regarded with favor by many postal officials, including Postmaster General.

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# SEEKING PROTECTION FROM MISSOURI RIVER

Stream's Whimsical Changes of Its Course Lead to Introduction of Bill to Have Government Control It and Make It Behave Properly.

The problem of handling the Missouri river continues to worry Congressional delegations from the States through or between which that stream winds its sinuous and treacherous course.

Representative Shackelford of Missouri has introduced a bill to appropriate for immediate use \$5,000,000, and authorizing contracts to be entered into for not over \$100,000,000, for the suppression of the stream.

Mr. Shackelford does not expect to get his measure passed at this time, but he believes it should be kept before Congress all the time, and that some day there will be adequate provision for controlling the stream.

The Iowa, Nebraska, and Dakota delegations are constantly in receipt of pleas for Congressional assistance in protecting their lands from the river. The Missourians, however, have more trouble than anybody else with the stream.

Mr. Shackelford believes the only method by which anything effective and permanent can be accomplished is to place an ample credit at the disposal of the War Department, and use it to develop a complete, consistent, and uniform scheme of river control. The millions that have been spent on the river in the past have largely been wasted because of the lack of a plan. Only by having one great scheme of improvement figured out and adopted can this difficulty be circumvented.

Iowa and Nebraska members have small hope that any favorable action will be secured on so ambitious a project as Mr. Shackelford's. There is some talk of an effort to get together a caucus of the delegation from States bordering on the Missouri, and try to organize a strong force in the demand that Congress give some real protection against the stream.

## THE PERSONAL SIDE AT THE CAPITOL

One of the youthful new members from the West went to Speaker Cannon one day last week and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I have but one favor to ask. It has to do with a committee assignment. I want to serve on but one committee, and if I cannot get on that committee, I need not expect to come back here. I want the vacancy in the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee."

The Speaker, with a twinkle in his eye, extended his left hand and gravely said, "Good-by, my boy, good-by."

And the interview was at an end.

Among the delegates from Indian Territory here in the interest of joint Statehood is Charles B. Rogers, formerly of Indiana, but now located at Yulata, Indian Territory. Mr. Rogers is one of the numerous Hoosiers who have the distinction of being at one time United States consul to Zanzibar, made famous by the late Judge Riley, of Virginia, who bespattered the fair Queen with birdshot as she was taking her morning dip in the surf in front of his parlor window. Mr. Rogers, at the Raleigh today said, that the people of Indian Territory no longer ask but demand Statehood. Local conditions are such that Congress cannot well deny the request.

"The political complexion of this new State," he said, "would be doubtful, as the population consists of an equal number of Northern Republicans and Southern Democrats."

"We have met a warm and hearty welcome from every Congressman and Senator we have thus far met," said Charles E. Hunter, of Oklahoma, one of the leading members of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory delegation, at the National this morning. "We are here to give information to the House and Senate about our two great Territories and to impress on Congress the justice and fairness of our claims for joint Statehood."

"We have been promised Statehood and we are here to carry back to our people the information that that promise will be redeemed at this session of the Congress."

Mr. Hunter belongs to the Rough Riders and was a member of the President's regiment during the war with Spain. He has never been a candidate for any office, but recently his friends have suggested him for secretary of the Territory.

The citizens from Oklahoma and Indian Territory, who are up here in the interest of joint Statehood, have a mascot with them in the person of little Helen Renstrom, of Oklahoma. She is just fifteen years old, and is called the "Swedish Nightingale," because of the sweetness of her voice. She was presented to Speaker Cannon the other day.

## RARE CURIOSITIES ON EXHIBITION

Display of Ancient Military Maps Is Shown in the Library of Congress.

The map division of the Library of Congress has within the past few days placed on exhibition some curiosities in the map line. Among the number are some very old seventeenth and eighteenth century maps of Manila, Cuba, and military maps of the British used during the Revolution.

The one, however, which is attracting the greatest interest is not an ancient map, but a decidedly modern globe and a portable one at that. Americans have outdone the world on portable bath tubs and clothes wringers, but it has remained for an Englishman to get ahead of them this time by inventing a portable globe, the object in question being of English patent and make.

The globe, showing all the continents, oceans, seas, islands, and rivers of this mundane sphere, is perfect in every respect, made of strong untearable silk and paper, and mounted on a long umbrella-like handle, which, like the latter, can be "opened" or "shut" by means of much the same kind of spring as one finds on parasols. This portable globe is designed for explorers and travelers, and on being opened can be hung up in the explorer's tent, handle downward like an umbrella depending from a haberdasher's sign.

HANNA HOMESTEAD FOR SUMMER HOTEL

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14.—The historic Hanna homestead, which, like the latter, have more political plots have been concocted than in probably any other house in the United States, is being sought for by a syndicate that purposes to transform it into a fine summer hotel. The syndicate is confident of buying the property for \$70,000. The fact that the property is on the market is more evidence that the Senator's widow expects to make New York her home.

BERWICK, Pa., Dec. 14.—Michael Westfield, of this place, has been banished from Berwick for two years, because he struck the daughter of E. E. Kelley for dancing with another fellow. Miss Kelley's father agreed to withdraw the charge if Westfield would promise to leave Berwick for at least two years, and to this he reluctantly agreed.

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—New York Sun.

## FORMER SOCIAL LIGHT NOW IN PRISON

Smith Hill, Once Wealthy, Is Charged With Having Robbed Father-in-Law's Mills.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 14.—Smith Hill, for years prominent socially in this city, and the possessor of a fortune, today is a prisoner at police headquarters, penniless, unforgiven by his wife, abandoned by friends and charged with being the leader of a gang that robbed his father-in-law's mills.

Hill is charged with having robbed the one who befriended him when he had spent \$200,000 that he had inherited from his father, and was without a cent. His wife is prostrated by the charge that has been made against her husband.

Hill is the son-in-law of H. B. King, of Cramer & King, silk manufacturers, and who also owns an interest in several other silk mills.

AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS ORGANIZE SOCIETY

"The Oriole Agricultural Club," organized by the "special agricultural" students of the Maryland Agricultural College, has adopted a constitution and elected the following officers: President, W. H. Chambers, of Alabama; vice president, R. N. Church, of Maine; and secretary and treasurer, R. H. Ruffner, of Virginia.

The object of the club is to collect information in regard to agricultural work, and promote the introduction of scientific knowledge into this work, and for the social and literary advancement of its members, which consists of young men from the different States and countries of South and Central America.

The meetings will consist of arguments and readings of papers pertaining to their collegiate work and lectures by prominent men in agricultural circles, followed by a social program.

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